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Applicant(s) are submitting herewith a copy of Form PTO-1449 which list documents cited in parent application(s) in Serial No. 10/437,306, filed May 14, 2003, Serial No. 10/075,259, filed February 15, 2002, U.S. Patent No. 6,580,686, Serial No. 09/761,571, filed January 18, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,388,987, Serial No. 09/761,570, filed January 18, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,388,986, Serial No. 09/350,107, filed July 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,219,331, Serial No. 09/090,310, filed June 4, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 5,930,228, Serial No.

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This information disclosure statement is being submitted with the continuing application papers accompanying herewith and with the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

On information and belief, each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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